

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 970-979, 981-996, 998-1000, 1002-1019, 1021, and 1023-1032 are pending in the case.

B. Double Patenting Rejection

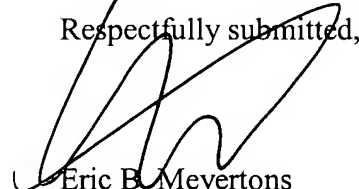
The Examiner rejected claims 970-979, 981-996, 998-1000, 1002-1019, 1021, and 1023-1032 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over all claims of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/646,338; 10/646,370; 10/646,622; 10/646,630; 10/646,523; and 10/646,629.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the double patenting rejection. To expedite prosecution, however, Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer.

F. Summary

If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5082-09908/EBM.

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